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1. In April 1950 Chinese Communists were organizing a China People's National Defense Youth Army Cadre School in Peiping and training classes under the direction of this school in each military district. The main subject to be taught in these classes was the operation and strategic use of new weapons.* MAO Tse-tung was named principal and LIU Shao-ch'i vice principal of the school.
2. The Central and South China Military Committee was ordered to set up a class in Chinkou (114-07, 30-20), southeast of Hankow, with LIN Piao** as chairman, YEH Chien-ying as vice chairman, and YEH Ta-jen (葉大仁) as dean. All senior instructors are to be Soviets, and Mu-po-t'o-chi-szu (双勃托基斯) (? Mibete-dev), high-ranking Soviet adviser, is to direct the class personally.
3. On 28 April YEH Ta-jen arrived in Canton from Hankow and took an office in the Municipal Government Building, where he enrolled students. Applicants were required to submit an introduction from a Communist Party member of at least five years standing. After passing an entrance examination, registrants were required to submit a guarantee from two hsien committee members or from one provincial committee member of the Communist Party. By the end of May only a few students had registered and it was rumored that Communists would compel students to register.

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